

23 March 1956

1. EQUIPMENT

a. Airframe and Engine

U-2 + J-57 -- P-37 or 31

Proved Performance: Altitude - 71,400 73,300

Range - 4150 NM

Speed - 435/40 K

b. Cameras + Film + Processing Plant

Performance: 24 inch - 20/30 lpm

36 inch - 30/40 lpm

Previous equipment - 8/15

Improvement factor - 3 to 4

Film - New emulsion on mylar

c. Electronic Search Gear



e. Commo and Navigation System

f. Sextant

g. Personal Equipment

h. Fuel -- LF 1A

i. Development and Procurement Procedure

2. ORGANIZATION

a. Function: Development and Procurement Operations Support

b. Project Organization

	Headquarters	90	CIA civilian personnel	196
25X1A6a		59	Pilots	30
	Detachments (3 at 125)	374	USAF personnel	157
		523	Contractor personnel	140
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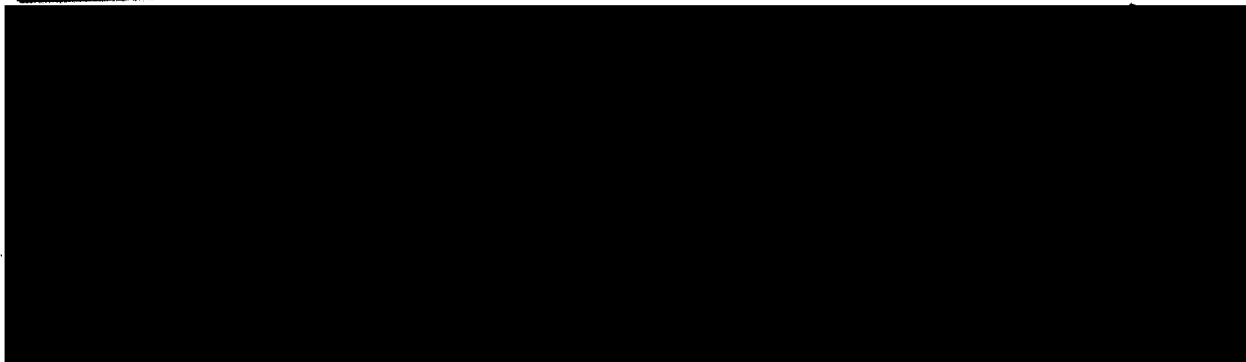
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3. BUDGET

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4. CHRONOLOGY

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Project Authorized - 1 December 1954
[redacted] completed - 20 July 1955
Aircraft flown first - 3 August 1955
First camera flight - 15 September 1955
SAC Mission activated - 1 December 1955
First pilots reported for duty - 15 January 1956
Detachment A activated - 1 March 1956
Deployment - Detachment A - 1 May 1956
Deployment - Detachment B - 1 August 1956
Deployment - Detachment C - 1 November 1956

5. OPERATIONAL CONCEPT

a.



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Staging Capability
Coverage

b. Intelligence Requirements
Controlling Role of Weather and Seasons

c. Capability: 3 Detachments
5 Aircraft per Detachment
8 Missions per Month per Aircraft
40 Missions per Month per Detachment

d. Initial Exploratory Mission - [redacted]

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e. Close Control from Headquarters

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6. COVER STORY

a. Double Story - Purpose

b.

c.

d. Living Out of These Stories

e. Emergency Procedure

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7. RISK OF LOSS

a. Reliability of Aircraft:

Hours - 907

Number of Flights - 352

Number of Long Range Flights - 39 (six hours or more)

b. Enemy Capability - Limited Detection Capability above 60,000

Little Tracking Capability

No Aircraft Interception above 60,000

Missile (ground to air) Ceiling - 50,000 now,
60,000 in 1 1/2 years

c. Experience Against ADC -

Two Possible Sightings, One Probable, in 280 Hours of
Cross-Country Operations

d. Life of Weapons System -- Urgency

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